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Chief Executive Officer

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY SUPPLEMENTAL CONSULTANT
SERVICES AGREEMENT TO ACCELERATE COMPLETION OF THE DRAFT
ANTELOPE VALLEY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
FOR THE PREPARATION OF
GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR STATE FUNDING FROM
PROPOSITIONS 50, 84, AND 1E
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40,
ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into a supplemental Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to accelerate the completion of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and prepare State Propositions 50, 84, and 1E grant funding project applications for a not-to-exceed amount of \$450,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to allow Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District), to enter into a supplemental Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to provide additional engineering and related services to accelerate the

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completion of the draft Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Plan) and to prepare grant funding applications for the highest priority projects identified in the Plan.

The original completion schedule of the Plan was December 31, 2007; however, following the voters' approval of Proposition 84 and 1E in November 2006, the State investigated the acceleration of the Proposition 50 grant funding program.

As a result, on June 5, 2007, the California Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board published guidelines for the Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program that require regions planning to apply for grant funding under the Proposition, such as the Antelope Valley, to complete the public review of their integrated regional water management plan by August 1, 2007.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Fiscal Responsibilities (Goal 4) and Community Services (Goal 6) by identifying projects that will improve customer service and by seeking Federal and State funding to implement such project.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The recommended supplemental Agreement for the consultant services is for an aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$450,000. Funding for the District's share of this supplemental Agreement is available in the District's Fiscal Year 2007-08 General Fund (N63).

In accordance with the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding dated January 9, 2007, approximately 82 percent of the cost will be reimbursed by the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Palmdale Water District, City of Palmdale, City of Lancaster, County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County, County Sanitation District No. 20 of Los Angeles County, and Rosamond Community Services District. Additionally, the Antelope Valley Chapter of the Building Industry Association plans to contribute \$20,000, or approximately 4.5 percent of the total, for the work. The remaining \$60,750, or approximately 13.5 percent, is the District's share.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

An integrated regional water management plan is required by the State in order to be eligible for grant funding under Propositions 50, 84, and 1E. The Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002, as codified in California Water Code §10530 through 10546, establishes the requirements to prepare and adopt an integrated regional water management plan. An integrated regional water management plan may be prepared and adopted by a regional water management group consisting of three or more local public agencies, at least two of which must have statutory authority over water supply, participating by means of a memorandum of understanding or other written Agreement. As authorized by your Board on October 10, 2006 (Synopsis 35), the District signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Plan on January 9, 2007. The Plan will be prepared and adopted in accordance with the requirements of the Water Code.

A standard Consultant Service Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used to award the work to Kennedy/Jenks Consultants. The supplemental Agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for work participants for future employment.

Kennedy/Jenks Consultants is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the original contract stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA), approval for the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. The District will

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evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project and will prepare any required environmental document in compliance with CEQA before returning to your Board for authorization to implement any projects identified in the Plan.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On March 15, 2005 (Synopsis 33), your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to enter into Agreement No. PW12845 with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to provide engineering and related services for the 2005 Integrated Urban Water Management Plan for the Antelope Valley, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$191,300. On October 10, 2006 (Synopsis 35), your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to enter into a supplemental Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to provide additional engineering and related services to prepare the Plan, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$325,000.

This supplemental Agreement will increase the not-to-exceed contract amount by \$450,000.

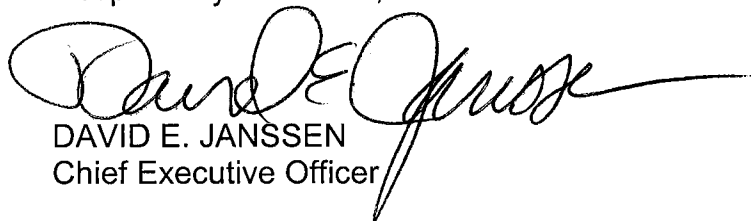
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Plan will enhance the District's services to its customers by improving the Antelope Valley water supply and reliability and protecting Antelope Valley's groundwater quality. The funds for the Plan are included in the District's Fiscal Year 2007-08 General Fund and will not have any negative impact on existing services or planned projects.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two approved copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: County Counsel